efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Rural Drinking Water component of the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural drinking water supply schemes. As per the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, all the 69732 rural habitations in the State have been covered with drinking water supply facilities. Under Sector Reforms Project, Government of India has sanctioned Pilot Projects for 5 districts namely Chittoor, Khammam, Nalgonda, Prakasam and Nellore.

(b) to (d) A project proposal for control of Fluorosis and Brackishness in drinking water in Vijayanagram district at a cost of Rs. 26.02 crore was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. In view of the powers delegated to State Governments *w.e.f.* 1-4-1998 to plan, sanction and implement projects under ARWSP to tackle water quality problems, the said project proposal was returned to the State Government for taking appropriate action at the State Government level.

Schemes for Economic Development of Women in Rural Areas of Arunachal Pradesh

1930. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/projects etc. launched by Government for economic development and empowerment of women in rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh during the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the details of achievement made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has special component for women in its Programmes and funds are earmarked as "Women's Component" to ensure flow of adequate resources for the same. The major Schemes, having Women's Component include the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgor Yojana (SGSY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the

Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), and the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The above Schemes meant for the economic development and empowerment of women are presently being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development in all the States including Arunachal Pradesh. However, during the year 2000-2001, no Scheme exclusively meant for economic development and empowerment of women in the rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh was launched.

Allocation under PMGSY to Special Problem Areas

1931. *MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of* RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under guidelines of PMGSY scheme, 10 per cent of the Diesel Cess funds will be allotted to the "Special Problem Areas", including Districts with increased insurgency threat perception;

(b) whether it is a fact that J&K is the most affected State, which is facing proxy war by Pakistan and it has witnessed mass destruction of its assets and infrastructure by militants; and

(c) if so, will Government allocate maximum funds under the scheme to rehabilitate devastated infrastructure for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) It is envisaged to earmark a certain portion of funds under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to address the specific requirements of different areas, including the Special Problem Areas and Border Districts, subject to preparation of suitable Project proposals, in accordance with the PMGSY Guidelines and as per the assessment of need, from time to time. Accordingly, proposals from States, including from Jammu & Kashmir, when received, would be expeditiously examined in the light of the Guidelines.